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The problem exists of ascertaining whether effective and practical techniques exist, or could be developed, which could be utilized to render an individual subservient to an imposed will or control, thereby posing a potential threat to National Security. Complete effectiveness of such techniques would require the individual to be subsequently unaware of their use. Degree of effectiveness and practicality of utilization and protection and possibility of devising more effective means for utilizing and counteracting existing techniques should be explored.

It is believed essential that a study be made of the problem outlined above and that a report be prepared indicating:

- (a) All techniques and agents which may be applicable to this problem together with comment on degree of feasibility of utilization and protection.
- (b) In the case of techniques and agents which pose a potential threat which cannot be completely evaluated on the basis of present knowledge, recommendations be made relative to further promising research. Such recommendations should include the scope and nature of required research and indicate research groups where such investigations could be expeditiously undertaken. An estimate of the effort (man years and/or dollars) required is desirable for each project.